

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2004, having a shortened statutory period set to expire January 4, 2005. Claims 2, 4, 6-7, and 12 have been amended and claims 5, and 9-11 have been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

In paragraph 1 of the Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that claims 5-6 and 11-12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. In view of the indicated allowability of dependent claim 5, independent claim 2 has been amended to substantially incorporate the limitations of claim 5, which has been canceled accordingly. Specifically, independent claim 2 has been amended to further include the limitations of "uniquely naming said event within an event translation table" and further limiting the previous step of "retrieving said event from said instrumentation entity" to include "wherein said retrieving said event comprises retrieving said unique name from said event translation table." Applicants did not include the reference to an application program interface (API) as previously recited by canceled claim 5 and contend that the cited prior art, and particularly U.S. Pat. No. 5,604,895, issued to Raimi, does not disclose or suggest the method as now recited in amended claim 2.

In view of the indicated allowability of dependent claim 11, independent claim 7 has been amended to incorporate the all limitations of claims 9, 10, and 11, which have been canceled accordingly. Applicants submit that claims 2, 7, and all claims depending therefrom have been placed in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is hereby respectfully requested.

No extension of time is believed to be required. However, in the event that an extension of time is required, please charge that extension fee and any other required fees to IBM Corporation Deposit Account Number 09-0447.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney of record at (512) 343-6116 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present Application.

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